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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: Data Processing Environment with  
Methods Providing Contemporaneous  
Synchronization of Two or More Clients

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the subject application, please ~~amend~~ the application as shown below. This amendment is accompanied by separate sheets of paper that show marked-up versions of the text amended herein.

In the specification:

Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph in the Related Applications section, the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 5, with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application No.

09/136,212, filed August 18, 1998, which is related to and claims the benefit of priority from the following commonly-owned, formerly co-pending U.S. provisional patent applications: serial no. 60/069,731, filed December 16, 1997, and entitled DATA PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT WITH SYNCHRONIZATION METHODS EMPLOYING A UNIFICATION DATABASE; serial no. 60/094,972, filed July 31, 1998, and entitled SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR SYNCHRONIZING TWO OR MORE DATASETS; and serial no. 60/094,824, filed July 31, 1998, and entitled DATA PROCESS ENVIRONMENT WITH METHODS PROVIDING CONTEMPORANEOUS SYNCHRONIZATION OF TWO OR

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